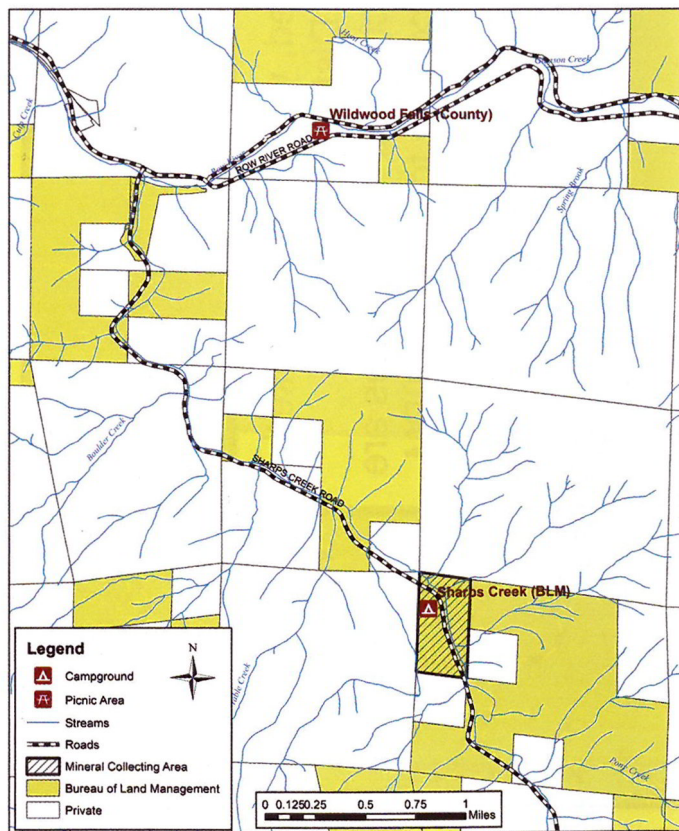


Visitors can enjoy recreational gold panning, sluicing, and suction dredging in Sharps Creek Campground.

Recreational gold panning is allowed at Sharps Creek Campground from June 1 through September 15. Sluicing and suction dredging with hoses with a diameter of 4 inches or less is allowed July 1 through September 1, provided that the mining activity does not interfere with other recreational activities. Please do not operate mining equipment immediately upstream when people are using the popular swimming area. For more information:

Eugene District BLM, 541-683-6600,
www.blm.gov/or/districts/eugene/index.php.

In summary, these rules and regulations are designed to protect forest resources and the rights



of the forest user. Violations of the regulations are subject to citation and are punishable by fine or imprisonment.

We hope this guide provides you with a better understanding of mineral collecting activities on your National Forest. Good luck in your adventure, and we hope your trip is both enjoyable and rewarding.



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For more information, please contact the

Cottage Grove Ranger District:

78405 Cedar Park Road
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
Phone: 541-767-5000
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Guidelines for Prospecting on the Cottage Grove Ranger District

Activities such as suction dredging, sluicing and gold panning are considered prospecting and are subject to the U.S. Mining Laws and Forest Service regulations under 36 CFR 228, Subpart A. Dredging, sluicing and rocker boxes are permitted May 15-November 30 according to ODEQ 700-pm permit and ODFW regulations. Be aware of the areas that may be claimed by other prospectors. Check the BLM Mining Claim Records at <http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/>.

1. Comply with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements.

The state of Oregon requires a water quality discharge permit for most activities that recover precious metals or minerals from stream-bottom sediments. A state permit is required for suction dredges and in-water non-motorized equipment such as hand sluice boxes and rockers. For additional information about water quality permits for mining, please contact DEQ Water Quality Division at (503) 229-6402 or (800) 452-4011 or visit their website at: www.deq.state.or.us/wq/wqpermit/mining.htm.

2. Comply with Oregon State Marine Board invasive species decontamination requirements.

In accordance with the DEQ permit, "Mining equipment must not carry or contain invasive species. Equipment must be decontaminated prior to its placement in Oregon waters and when transferring from one water body to another. The Oregon Marine Board provides information including decontamination steps on aquatic invasive species. Discharge of decontamination solutions to waters of the state is prohibited." For additional information about aquatic invasive species decontamination steps, please contact the Oregon State Marine Board at (503) 378-8587 or visit their website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/pages/index.aspx>.

3. Obey State and Federal fire laws.

Completely extinguish all fires, cigarettes or other flaming or glowing substances, which may cause a fire. Carry an axe, shovel and bucket. Adhere to closure orders issued during periods of high fire danger and Industrial Fire Precaution Levels. Please call the Cottage Grove Ranger Station at (541) 767-5000 to keep informed of any changes.

4. Follow the Forest Service mining regulations under 36 CFR 228, Subpart A.

All miners on National Forest System lands are subject to the requirements of the 36 CFR 228, Subpart A regulations. Except as provided in paragraph (a)(1) of 36 CFR 228, a notice of intent to operate is required from any person proposing to conduct operations which the operator believes might cause significant disturbance of surface resources. Such notice of intent to operate shall be submitted to the District Ranger having jurisdiction over the area in which the operations will be conducted.

5. Respect the rights of mining claimants.

Before beginning any prospecting activity, examine the area for claim monuments and/or postings. Mining claim monuments and boundary signs should be respected. Mining claimants have the right to exclude others from prospecting on their claims. Mining claims and claimants' names are recorded in the local County Courthouse and the Bureau of Land Management office in Portland. Mining claim disputes between rival claimants are civil matters with State Courts having jurisdiction. Check the BLM Mining Claim Records at: <http://www.blm.gov/lr2000/>.

6. Leave the land clean and attractive for yourself and others.

Pack it in, pack it out. Carry out cans, bottles and refuse. If toilets are unavailable, dig a 6-inch hole at least 200 feet from water, deposit solid waste in the hole and cover it with soil. Leaving exposed waste is a health hazard and can contaminate nearby streams and lakes. The most sanitary option is to bring your own self-contained portable camp toilet.

Bohemia Mining District

Since early settlers in the area first discovered gold along Sharps Creek, thousands of fortune hunters have been lured into the Bohemia Mining District. The recent interest in gold has sent a new wave of recreationists and adventurous mineral collectors surging into the mountains. They have all sought the same notorious, elusive, and beautiful yellow metal.



Forest Service Photo

Fairview Peak Lookout



Forest Service Photo

Gold Panning

Open brochure for map showing the district.









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Prospecting is allowed in the indicated, yellow. hash marked areas on the Cottage Grove Ranger District. Panning is permitted year round. Dredging, sluicing and rocker boxes are permitted May 15 - November 30 according to ODEQ 700PM permit and ODFW regulations.

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